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SUBJ: IMPROVING ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1. INFORMAL WEO MEETING ON MAY 22 DISCUSSED RESPONSES TO SYG (G/SO/214/21 ISSUED 28 FEB IN GENEVA) ASKING FOR VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS ON IMPROVING ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS PER GA RES 3221 (XXIX). IN INTRODUCING SUBJECT UK RES SAID THAT THEY HAD PROTESTED TO UN (USYG MORSE) THE DELAY IN ISSUING THE REQUEST FOR VIEWS, ESPECIALLY SINCE RESPONSES DUE BY END OF MAY.

2. ALTHOUGH NO WEO'S HAVE RESPONDED TO SYG AS YET, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO DO SO. FOLLOWING REPS INDICATED THAT PRELIMINARY DRAFTS OF THEIR RESPONSES CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. UK. SUMMARY OF PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS; REVIEW OF HRC AND 1503 PROCEDURES (INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED AT 31ST HRC AND EMPHASIZING UTILITY OF AD HOC WORKING GROUPS ACTING WITH COOPERATION OF COUNTRY BEING INVESTIGATED); HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (HCHR) (EMPHASIZING MODALITIES OPEN TO DISCUSSION).

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B. SWEDEN. INCREASED PUBLICITY FOR HR ACTIVITIES; HCHR;

RATIFICATION OF COVENANTS INCLUDING OPTIONAL PROTOCOL.

C. DENMARK. SAME AS (B) ABOVE.

D. NETHERLANDS. IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS POINTS, EMPHASIS ON "GOOD OFFICES" ROLE OF SYG; CONSIDERATION OF MOVING HR ACTIVITIES INTO REVISED TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (PER RECOMMENDATION OF EXPERTS GROUP); POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL SESSION OF HRC.

3. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH GENERAL COMMENTS ON DESIRABILITY OF HAVING IN MIND SPECIFICS WHICH MIGHT COME OUT OF 30TH GA. IT WAS AGREED THAT HCHR PROPOSAL PROBABLY A NON-STARTER AND SOME EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS REGARD WOULD RESULT IN NON-PRODUCTIVE AND TIME-CONSUMING DEBATE.

4. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY (OR SUMMARY) OF USG REPLY TO SYG WHICH WE MIGHT DISTRIBUTE TO WEOS. SINCE THESE INFORMAL WEO MEETINGS WILL CONTINUED, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPT'S THINKING ON SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE SOUGHT AT 30TH GA.
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